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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 1138

LIMDIS

TUNIS FOR ASST SECT ATHERTON

PARIS FOR AMB-DESIGNATE ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L. JR.) AG MO TU

SUBJECT: ATHERTON TRAVEL

REF: RABAT 1100

1. ACTING FONMIN BENHIMA INFORMED ME MORNING FEB. 27 THAT ARRANGEMENTS WELL IN HAND FOR ASST SECY ATHERTON TO BE RECEIVED BY KING MARCH 2. BENHIMA NOW ASSUMING ATHERTON WILL ARRIVE HERE FROM ALGIERS ABOARD LIBYAN AIRLINES EVENING MARCH 1. HE WITHDREW HIS EARLIER SUGGESTION REFTEL PARA 1 CONCERNING ALGERIAN PLANE, INDICATUCSTHIRT SUCH PLANE WILD NOT RPT NOT BE WELCOME. (I TAKE THIS AS SIGNAL FROM KING.)

2. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT KING WILL BE IN RABAT OR CASABLANCA FOR MARCH 2 AUDIEFKE. IF HIS CURRENT ILLNESS PERSISTS, HOWEVER, HE MIGHT REMAIN IN FEZ.

3. OUR CURRENT PLANNING IS THUS TO MEET ATHERTON ON ARRIVAL IN CASABLANCA ABOARD LIBYAN AIR 311 AT 1940 MARCH 1 AND TO TRANSPORT
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HIM TO DCM COON'S RESIDENCE (TOUMAYAN INVITED TO STAY WITH POL COUNS

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